

AG launching "Seniors Strike Back" program to end mail fraud

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From a press release issued by Attorney General Terry Goddard's office:

Seniors throughout Arizona are helping Attorney General

Terry Goddard find con artists who target older residents through mail solicitations.

"Seniors Strike Back" is an operation that enlisted senior volunteers from throughout Arizona to save their junk mail during April. Beginning Monday, May 7, in honor of Older Americans Month, the Attorney General's Office will collect and sort the mail and then take legal actions against companies or people who violate Arizona's consumer protection laws.

Goddard will meet with volunteers who will be sorting the junk mail into various categories. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Advocacy Section will be looking for fraudulent offers of lottery winnings, charity solicitations, magazine subscriptions and other attempts to mislead or defraud Arizona residents.

The Attorney General's office will be holding sorting events in 12 other Arizona communities where volunteers will sort through the junk mail collected and send it to the Attorney General's investigators.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on May 16, Goddard will be at the Sam Lena Library, 1607 S. Sixth Ave., to visit with volunteers who are helping sort through the junk mail being collected.

The program will continue on four other dates in the Tucson and Pima County areas, but Goddard is not scheduled to attend on those days.

For more information, visit the Attorney General's Web site.